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**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
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Attorney Docket No.

5516USAD1

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Title

INSPECTION EQUIPMENT INTEGRITY ENHANCEMENT  
SYSTEM

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See 37 CFR 1.27.
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Prior application information: Examiner: **Thomas Noland**

Group Art Unit: **2856**

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1202	2202	18	9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	2201	86	43	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	2203	290	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	2204	86	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
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1053	1053	130	130	Non-English specification	
1812	1812	2,520	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	1804	920*	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examination action	
1805	1805	1,840*	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	2251	110	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	2252	420	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	2253	950	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	2254	1,480	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
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1401	2401	330	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	2402	330	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	2403	290	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1451	1,510	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	2452	110	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	2453	1,330	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	2501	1,330	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	2502	480	240	Design issue fee	
1503	2503	640	320	Plant issue fee	
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